



## Victoria Killips

February 13, 1940 - November 26, 2020

Victoria Violet Killips/Simon (gakamijiwan ikwe, joyful waterfall woman) age 80, of Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan went to the be with her creator November 26th 2020, at her home.

Victoria was born on February 13, 1940 in Thessalon, Ontario. She was an Elder of The Thessalon First Nation Tribe. Victoria was retired from the Kewadin Casino where she worked for ten years. She loved her culture, she loved her creator, and she loved people. Victoria was the type of soul that was rare. She was a great waterfall warrior women. She kept the light shining bright in every situation she was so strong and conquered many hardships throughout her life with a graceful heart. Victoria paved a path for many and was full of joy, laughter, and she was always full of endless generosity, kindness and love. Victoria enjoyed shopping, camping, spending time with her family and friends. She loved playing "Skip-Bo", participating and teaching in cultural events, and being able to experience her cultural history and traditions. She loved going to "pow wows". She enjoyed the beautiful and traditional music of her native culture. Seeing all her friends and family filled her with such joy and happiness, she couldn't help but have a big smile on her face. She loved doing crafting, sewing, and baking. Her favorite color was teal green. She loved turtles and her dog Oreo.

Victoria's favorite song throughout her life was "Coat of Many Colors" by Dolly Parton. When she was a child she had that coat of many colors made by her mother and she wore it proudly. Victoria loved to sit on the deck drinking

Tetley's tea with her family. Victoria was a beautiful women, with a heart of gold, she made an impact on every single person that she met and every place that she went. She was the type of women that would always leave her footprints in the sand so that others would see where to walk even when it was storming she always led the way and she did it with a courage and a strength of great will.

Victoria is survived by her children: Yvonne Woodbury (Steve), Ron Killips, Deborah Barnett (James), Dan Killips, and Chet Killips; Her siblings:Albert Simon, Joe Simon, Ron Simon, Bobbie Simon, Joann Giddings, and Yvonne Oliver; her grandchildren: Amanda Bradley, Joshua Barnett, Chris Killips, Shonna Woodbury, Leanna Woodbury, and Donnie Killips; and her great-grandchildren: Tayla-Olesky Woodbury and Dustin Clem.

Victoria was preceded in death by her mother: Susan Simon; her father: Adalare Simon; two brothers: Howard and George; and her grandson: Mike Killips.

Due to Covid19, a memorial service will be for immediate family and held at a later date.

# Tribute Wall

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“ I have very fond memories of visiting aunt Vickie with grandma Tilly. It was always an adventure 💕



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Tracy Simon - November 30, 2020 at 12:00 AM

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“ oh, grandma you were so beautiful inside and out. you taught me so many things in this life, you always made sure to bring me everywhere always made sure that I experienced our native culture no matter what you held my heart threw this life. No matter what my troubles were you always were there with me walking through this life, teaching me to climb all the mountains. You did everything with such a grateful & ever graceful heart, you kept strong and fought every single battle with wisdom and strength like no other. I'm posting this picture because I will forever remember you this way, all dressed up and ready to hit the roads to stores to the where ever you wanted to venture to. Your spirit was so full of life and energy no matter what. you knew how to survive but you also knew how to live and to the fullest. I am so thankful that I was able to express to you just how much you meant to me and how grateful my heart will forever be for all the times that we shared, all the stories of your journey of life that you would tell me often. I will carry your love with me for the rest of my life, and when the full moon comes out I will always talk to you, when the northern lights shine bright, I will be down here on earth watching you dance with all the grandmothers in the spirit land. I love you grandma, your smile always made me feel so happy, I loved it when you smiled. My joyful waterfall grandmother always.



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Amanda bradley - November 30, 2020 at 12:00 AM

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“ *RIP Auntie Vicky. We will miss you and always remember you. Rene, Sheena, Ethan, Kylie and Ocean*



**Rene Newton** - November 30, 2020 at 12:00 AM

CO

“ *So many memories going to visit Aunt Vicky! It was always such a fun time and going shopping at Wolco! She loved that store and I loved going there with her! She will definitely be missed!*

**Cathy Oliver** - November 29, 2020 at 12:00 AM

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“ *Vickie was such a vibrant personality and always ready for a laugh. Getting to know her for the past 7 years and learning about her culture and heritage was a privilege. She will forever hold a dear place in my heart. To her family I send my prayers, may the memories of her always bring you joy.*

**Kaitlin** - November 29, 2020 at 12:00 AM